Strengthening of preventive and curative measures

1421. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the increasing incidents of dengue in various parts of the country during previous years, what steps have been taken by Government to strengthen the preventive and curative measures by the hospitals alongwith the details thereof;

(b) what monitoring mechanism has been. established to ensure the implementation of directions issued by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the hospitals have been directed to maintain adequate stocks of medicines and other requisite medical facilities and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Government of India has taken the following steps:

1. A Long term Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Dengue in the country has been prepared and sent to the States for implementation.
2. For proactive surveillance, Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) with laboratory support have been identified in the endemic States and linked with Apex Referral Laboratories for advanced diagnosis.
3. National Institute of Virology, Pune has been entrusted to supply IgM ELISA test kits for diagnosis of Dengue to the identified institutes.
4. Trainings have been imparted to Microbiologists and Laboratory Technicians on sero-diagnosis, Medical Officers on Clinical Management of Dengue cases and State/District level Programme Officers on Rapid Response.
5. Guidelines for clinical management of Dengue/DHF cases have been prepared and sent to the States for wider circulation.

(b) Field visits are made by the officers from Government of India to monitor and provide technical guidance in implementation of the programme at the State level.

Periodic reviews at higher levels are undertaken regularly. Reports and returns received from the States are analysed and necessary instructions are issued to the implementing agencies.

(c) The State Health Authorities have been requested to ensure availability of the essential diagnostics and therapeutics for outdoor patients and indoor patients and contingency plan for emergency hospitalization like arrangement of additional beds etc. in case of outbreak.

Infant and maternal mortality rates

1422. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present Infant Mortality rate (IMR) since 1998-99 when it was reported to be 67.7 per 1000 lives in the country, State-wise: